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## COMET MEDAL OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC.

I. A medal of bronze is established as a perpetual foundation to be given for the discovery of comets, as follows :

The medal is to bear on the obverse side the effigy of a bright comet among stars, with the legend "ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC" around the border; and on the reverse the inscription, "THIS MEDAL FOUNDED IN 1890 BY JOSEPH A. DONOHUE, IS PRESENTED TO.....(the name of the discoverer) TO COMMEMORATE THE DISCOVERY OF A COMET ON.....(the date)."

It is to be understood that this medal is intended solely as a recognition of merit, and not as a reward.

II. The medal will be given to the actual discoverer of any unexpected comet.

III. The discoverer is to make his discovery known in the usual way, and, in order to simplify the work of the committee, which, in certain cases may be called upon to consider the merits of several independent discoveries of the same object, he should also address a letter to the Director of the Lick Observatory, which should state the exact time of the discovery, the position of the comet, the direction of its motion (when this can be determined), and the physical appearance of the object.

No application for the bestowal of the medal is required. The letters received from discoverers of comets will be preserved in the records of the Lick Observatory. Cable telegrams to the Lick Observatory are to be addressed to "Astronomer, San Francisco."

IV. All communications will be referred to a committee consisting of the Director of the Lick Observatory, ex-officio, and of two other persons, members of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, who are to be annually appointed by the Board of Directors. The decisions of this committee are to be final upon all points relating to the award of the medal. The committee will print an annual statement of its operations in the publications of the Society.

Under ordinary circumstances the comet medal will be awarded within two months after the date of the discovery. In cases of doubt a longer period may elapse. The medal will not be awarded (unless under the most exceptional circumstances) for the discovery of a comet until enough observations are secured (by the discoverer or by others) to permit the calculation and verification of its orbit.

V. This medal is to be a perpetual foundation from and after January 1, 1890.

It was reported by Mr. HOLDEN that he had turned over to Mr. BURCKHALTER on March 24, the bond of the Treasurer, the receipt (No. 2796) of the French Mint for the dies of the Comet-medal, and bank-books Nos. 50,715, 51,529 (S. F. S. U.) and 64,347 (G. S. & L. S.) as well as all the remaining blank diplomas and the original drawing of the diploma.

The Notices to Members as printed on the last page of the present number of the Publications were authorized. Adjourned.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS A. S. P., HELD IN  
THE ROOMS OF THE SOCIETY, MARCH 28, 1891,  
FROM 9:30 TO 10:30 P. M.

The new board of Directors was called to order by Mr. HOLDEN. A quorum was present. The minutes of the last meeting were approved. The business in hand being the election of officers for the ensuing year, Mr. PIERSON was duly elected President of the Society and took the chair.

The following officers were duly elected :

*Vice Presidents :* Messrs. SOULÉ, SCHAEBERLE and MOLERA.

*Secretaries :* Messrs. BURCKHALTER and KEELER.

*Treasurer :* Mr. ZIEL.

The President was authorized to appoint the various Standing Committees and accordingly made the following selections :

*Finance Committee :* F. R. ZIEL, S. G. HILBORN and CHAS. BURCKHALTER.

*Library Committee :* E. J. MOLERA, OTTO VON GELDERN and CHASE GITCHELL.

The other Standing Committees are :

*Committee on Publication :* Messrs. HOLDEN, KEELER, YALE.

*Committee on the Comet Medal :* Messrs. HOLDEN (*ex-officio*), SCHAEBERLE, BURCKHALTER.

The following resolutions were adopted :

*Resolved,* That the Directors of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific sincerely regret that Prof. HOLDEN feels called upon to decline a further election as President of the Society, on account of his other pressing duties.

*Resolved,* That they extend to him their thanks for his valuable services as President in building up and fostering the interests of the Society, and placing it on a basis where its success is assured.

It was also

*Resolved,* That EDWARD S. HOLDEN be and is hereby elected an Honorary Member of this Society. Mr. HOLDEN returned his grateful thanks for the honor conferred upon him but, for reasons satisfactory, begged to resign his honorary membership; and his resignation was accordingly accepted.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE PACIFIC,  
HELD IN THE LECTURE-HALL OF THE CALIFORNIA  
ACADEMY OF SCIENCES IN SAN FRANCISCO,  
MARCH 28, 1891.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Mr. HOLDEN in the chair.

The Secretary read a list of seventeen presents received, and the thanks of the Society were voted to the givers.

The cordial thanks of the Society were returned to the California Academy of Sciences for their invitation to hold the meetings of March and November, 1891 and January, 1892 in the lecture-hall of the Academy building and the invitation was accepted.

The list of new members elected this day was read to the meeting.

The Committee on Nominations reported a list of names proposed for election, as follows :

*For Directors :* Messrs. ALVORD, BURCKHALTER, HILL, HILBORN, HOLDEN, KEELER, MOLERA, PIERSON, SCHAEBERLE, SOULÉ, ZIEL.

*For Committee on Publication :* Messrs. HOLDEN, KEELER, YALE.

Messrs. MCCONNELL and VEEDER were appointed as tellers. The polls were open from 8:15 to 9 P. M., and the persons above named were duly elected.